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# 1 Scope

The present document defines a transport protocol for use in the IP multimedia (IM) Core Network (CN) subsystem based on Diameter.

The present document is applicable to:

- The Sh interface between an AS and the HSS.
- The Sh interface between an SCS and the HSS.

Whenever it is possible this document specifies the requirements for this protocol by reference to specifications produced by the IETF within the scope of Diameter. Where this is not possible, extensions to Diameter are defined within this document.

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- [1] 3GPP TS 29.328 “IP Multimedia (IM) Subsystem Sh interface; signalling flows and message contents (Release 5)”
- [2] 3GPP TS 33.210 “3G Security; Network Domain Security; IP Network Layer Security (Release 5)”
- [3] IETF RFC 2960 “Stream Control Transmission Protocol”
- [4] draft-ietf-aaa-diameter-10.txt, “Diameter Base Protocol”, work in progress
- [5] IETF RFC 2234 “Augmented BNF for syntax specifications”
- [6] 3GPP TS 29.229 “Cx and Dx Interfaces based on the Diameter protocol; protocol details (Release 5)”

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# 3 Definitions, symbols and abbreviations

## 3.1 Definitions

Refer to [4] for the definitions of some terms used in this document.

For the purposes of the present document, the following terms and definitions apply.

**Attribute-Value Pair:** see [4], it corresponds to an Information Element in a Diameter message.

**Server:** SIP-server.

**User data:** user profile data.

## 3.2 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the following abbreviations apply:

AAA	Authentication, Authorization and Accounting
AS	Application Server
ABNF	Augmented Backus-Naur Form
AVP	Attribute-Value Pair
CN	Core Network
HSS	Home Subscriber Server
IANA	Internet Assigned Numbers Authority
IETF	Internet Engineering Task Force
IMS	IP Multimedia Subsystem
NDS	Network Domain Security
RFC	Request For Comment
SCTP	Stream Control Transport Protocol
UCS	Universal Character Set
URL	Uniform Resource Locator
UTF	UCS Transformation Formats

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## 4 General

The Diameter Base Protocol as specified in [4] shall apply except as modified by the defined support of the methods and the defined support of the commands and AVPs, result and event codes specified in clause 5 of this specification. Unless otherwise specified, the procedures (including error handling and unrecognised information handling) are unmodified.

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## 5 Use of the Diameter base protocol

The same clarifications of section 5 of 3GPP TS 29.229 [6] shall apply to the Sh interface. An exception is that the application identifier for this application is defined in chapter 6.

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## 6 Diameter application for Sh interface

This clause specifies a Diameter application that allows a Diameter server and a Diameter client:

- to download and update transparent and non-transparent user data
- to request and send notifications on changes on user data

The Sh interface protocol is defined as an IETF vendor specific Diameter application, where the vendor is 3GPP. The vendor identifier assigned by IANA to 3GPP (<http://www.iana.org/assignments/enterprise-numbers>) is 10415.

The Diameter application identifier assigned to the Sh interface protocol is number 2.

### 6.1 Command-Code values

This section defines Command-Code values for this Diameter application.

Every command is defined by means of the ABNF syntax [5], according to the rules in [4]. Whenever the definition and use of an AVP is not specified in this document, what is stated in [4] or [6] shall apply.

The following Command Codes are defined in this specification:

**Table 6.1.1: Command-Code values**

Command-Name	Abbreviation	Code	Section
User-Data-Request	UDR	1	6.1.1
User-Data-Answer	UDA	1	6.1.2
Profile-Update-Request	PUR	2	6.1.3
Profile-Update-Answer	PUA	2	6.1.4
Subscribe-Notifications-Request	SNR	3	6.1.5
Subscribe-Notifications-Answer	SNA	3	6.1.6
Push-Notification-Request	PNR	4	6.1.7
Push-Notification-Answer	PNA	4	6.1.8

### 6.1.1 User-Data-Request (UDR) Command

The User-Data-Request (UDR) command, indicated by the Command-Code field set to 1 and the 'R' bit set in the Command Flags field, is sent by a Diameter client to a Diameter server in order to request user data.

Message Format

```

< User-Data -Request > ::= < Diameter Header: 10415: 1, REQ, PXY >
    < Session-Id >
    { Vendor-Specific-Application-Id }
    { Auth-Session-State }
    { Origin-Host }
    { Origin-Realm }
    [ Destination-Host ]
    { Destination-Realm }
    { User-Identity }
    [ Service-Indication ]
    1*[ Data-Reference ]
    *[ Requested-Domain ]
    [ Current-Location ]
    *[ AVP ]
    *[ Proxy-Info ]
    *[ Route-Record ]

```

### 6.1.2 User-Data-Answer (UDA) Command

The User-Data-Answer (SAA) command, indicated by the Command-Code field set to 1 and the 'R' bit cleared in the Command Flags field, is sent by a server in response to the User-Data-Request command. The Result-Code or Vendor-Specific-Result AVP may contain one of the values defined in section 6.2 in addition to the values defined in [6].

Message Format

```

< User-Data-Answer > ::= < Diameter Header: 10415: 1 >
    < Session-Id >
    { Vendor-Specific-Application-Id }
    [ Result-Code ]
    [ Vendor-Specific-Result ]
    { Auth-Session-State }
    { Origin-Host }
    { Origin-Realm }
    [ User-Data ]

```



```
*[ AVP ]
*[ Proxy-Info ]
*[ Route-Record ]
```

### 6.1.3 Profile-Update-Request (PUR) Command

The Profile-Update-Request (PUR) command, indicated by the Command-Code field set to 2 and the 'R' bit set in the Command Flags field, is sent by a Diameter client to a Diameter server in order to update user data in the server.

Message Format

```
< Profile-Update-Request > ::= < Diameter Header: 10415: 2, REQ, PXY >
< Session-Id >
{ Vendor-Specific-Application-Id }
{ Auth-Session-State }
{ Origin-Host }
{ Origin-Realm }
{ Destination-Host }
{ Destination-Realm }
{ Public-Identity }
{ User-Data }
*[ AVP ]
*[ Proxy-Info ]
*[ Route-Record ]
```

### 6.1.4 Profile-Update-Answer (PUA) Command

The Profile-Update-Answer (PUA) command, indicated by the Command-Code field set to 2 and the 'R' bit cleared in the Command Flags field, is sent by a client in response to the Profile-Update-Request command. The Result-Code or Vendor-Specific-Result AVP may contain one of the values defined in section 6.2 in addition to the values defined in [6].

Message Format

```
< Profile-Update-Answer > ::= < Diameter Header: 10415: 2 >
< Session-Id >
{ Vendor-Specific-Application-Id }
[ Result-Code ]
[ Vendor-Specific-Result ]
{ Auth-Session-State }
{ Origin-Host }
{ Origin-Realm }
*[ AVP ]
*[ Proxy-Info ]
*[ Route-Record ]
```

### 6.1.5 Subscribe-Notifications-Request (SNR) Command

The Subscribe-Notifications-Request (SNR) command, indicated by the Command-Code field set to 3 and the 'R' bit set in the Command Flags field, is sent by a Diameter client to a Diameter server in order to request notifications of changes in user data.

Message Format

```
< Subscribe-Notifications-Request > ::= < Diameter Header: 10415: 3, REQ, PXY >
< Session-Id >
{ Vendor-Specific-Application-Id }
{ Auth-Session-State }
{ Origin-Host }
{ Origin-Realm }
[ Destination-Host ]
{ Destination-Realm }
{ Public-Identity }
```

```

[ Service-Indication ]
{ Subs-Req-Type }
1*[ Data-Reference ]
*[ AVP ]
*[ Proxy-Info ]
*[ Route-Record ]

```

### 6.1.6 Subscribe-Notifications-Answer (SNA) Command

The Subscribe-Notifications-Answer command, indicated by the Command-Code field set to 2 and the 'R' bit cleared in the Command Flags field, is sent by a client in response to the Subscribe-Notifications-Request command. The Result-Code or Vendor-Specific-Result AVP may contain one of the values defined in section 6.2 in addition to the values defined in [6].

Message Format

```

< Subscribe-Notifications-Answer > ::=          < Diameter Header: 10415: 3 >
< Session-Id >
{ Vendor-Specific-Application-Id }
{ Auth-Session-State }
[ Result-Code ]
[ Vendor-Specific-Result ]
{ Origin-Host }
{ Origin-Realm }
*[ Data-Reference ]
*[ AVP ]
*[ Proxy-Info ]
*[ Route-Record ]

```

### 6.1.7 Push-Notification-Request (PNR) Command

The Push-Notification-Request (PNR) command, indicated by the Command-Code field set to 1 and the 'R' bit set in the Command Flags field, is sent by a Diameter server to a Diameter client in order to notify changes in the user data in the server.

Message Format

```

< Push-Notification-Request > ::=          < Diameter Header: 10415: 4, REQ, PXY >
< Session-Id >
{ Vendor-Specific-Application-Id }
{ Auth-Session-State }
{ Origin-Host }
{ Origin-Realm }
{ Destination-Host }
{ Destination-Realm }
{ Public-Identity }
{ User-Data }
*[ AVP ]
*[ Proxy-Info ]
*[ Route-Record ]

```

### 6.1.8 Push-Notifications-Answer (PNA) Command

The Push-Notifications-Answer (PNA) command, indicated by the Command-Code field set to 2 and the 'R' bit cleared in the Command Flags field, is sent by a client in response to the Push-Notification-Request command. The Result-Code or Vendor-Specific-Result AVP may contain one of the values defined in section 6.2 in addition to the values defined in [6].

Message Format

```

< Push-Notification-Answer > ::= < Diameter Header: 10415: 4 >
< Session-Id >

```

```

{ Vendor-Specific-Application-Id }
[ Result-Code ]
[ Vendor-Specific-Result ]
{ Auth-Session-State }
{ Origin-Host }
{ Origin-Realm }
*[ AVP ]
*[ Proxy-Info ]
*[ Route-Record ]

```

## 6.2 Result-Code AVP values

This section defines new result code values that must be supported by all Diameter implementations that conform to this specification. The result codes defined in 3GPP TS 29.229 are also applicable. When one of the result codes defined here is included in a response, it shall be inside a Vendor-Specific-Result AVP and Result-Code AVP shall be absent.

### 6.2.1 Success

Errors that fall within the Success category are used to inform a peer that a request has been successfully completed.

No errors within this category have been defined so far.

### 6.2.2 Permanent Failures

Errors that fall within the Permanent Failures category are used to inform the peer that the request failed, and should not be attempted again.

#### 6.2.2.1 DIAMETER\_ERROR\_USER\_DATA\_NOT\_RECOGNIZED (5100)

The data required, in the XLM schema, does not match that which is specified within the HSS.

#### 6.2.2.2 DIAMETER\_ERROR\_OPERATION\_NOT\_ALLOWED (5101)

The requested operation is not allowed for the user

#### 6.2.2.3 DIAMETER\_ERROR\_USER\_DATA\_CANNOT\_BE\_READ (5102)

The requested user data is not allowed to be read.

#### 6.2.2.4 DIAMETER\_ERROR\_USER\_DATA\_CANNOT\_BE\_MODIFIED (5103)

The requested user data is not allowed to be modified

#### 6.2.2.5 DIAMETER\_ERROR\_USER\_DATA\_CANNOT\_BE\_NOTIFIED (5104)

The requested user data is not allowed to be notified on changes

#### 6.2.2.6 DIAMETER\_ERROR\_TOO\_MUCH\_DATA (5008)

The size of the data pushed to the receiving entity exceeds its capacity. This error code is defined in 3GPP TS 29.229 [6].

### 6.2.3 Transient Failures

Errors that fall within the transient failures category are those used to inform a peer that the request could not be satisfied at the time that it was received. The request may be able to be satisfied in the future.

6.2.3.1 DIAMETER\_USER\_DATA\_NOT\_AVAILABLE (4100) The requested user data is not available at this time to satisfy the requested operation.

## 6.3 AVPs

The following table describes the Diameter AVPs defined for the Sh interface protocol, their AVP Code values, types, possible flag values and whether the AVP may or not be encrypted.

**Table 6.3.1: Diameter Multimedia Application AVPs**

Attribute Name	AVP Code	Section defined	Value Type	AVP Flag rules				
				Must	May	Should not	Must not	May Encr.
User-Identity	100	6.3.1	Grouped	M, V				N
MSISDN	101	6.3.2	OctetString	M, V				N
User-Data	102	6.3.3	OctetString	M, V				N
Data-Reference	103	6.3.4	Enumerated	M, V				
Service-Indication	104	6.3.5	OctetString	M, V				N
Subs-Req-Type	105	6.3.6	Enumerated	M, V				N
Requested-Domain	106	6.3.7	Enumerated	M, V				N
Current-Location	107	6.3.8	Enumerated	M, V				N

NOTE 1: The AVP header bit denoted as ‘M’, indicates whether support of the AVP is required. The AVP header bit denoted as ‘V’, indicates whether the optional Vendor-ID field is present in the AVP header. For further details, see [6].

NOTE 2: Depending on the concrete command.

### 6.3.1 User-Identity AVP

The User-Identity AVP (AVP Code 100) is of type Grouped. This AVP contains a user public identity.

AVP format

User-Identity ::= <AVP header: 100 10415>

\*[Public-Identity]

\*[MSISDN]

\*[AVP]

### 6.3.2 MSISDN AVP

The MSISDN AVP (AVP Code 101) is of type OctetString. This AVP contains an MSISDN with the format described in 3GPP TS 23.003.

### 6.3.3 User-Data AVP

The User-Data AVP (AVP Code 102) is of type OctetString. This AVP contains the user data requested in the UDR and SNR operations and the data to be modified in the UPR operation. The exact content and format of this AVP is described in 3GPP TS 29.328 [1].

### 6.3.4 Data-Reference AVP

The Data-Reference AVP (AVP code 103) is of type Enumerated, and indicates the type of the requested user data in the operation UDR and SNR. Its exact values and meaning is defined in 3GPP TS 29.328. The following values are defined (more details are given in 3GPP TS 29.328):

RepositoryData (0)

PublicIdentifiers (10)

This value is used to request the read or notification of changes in the IMS public identities fields

RegistrationState (11)

S-CSCFName (12)

InitialFilterCriteria (13)

LocationInformation (14)

### 6.3.5 Service-Indication AVP

The Service-Indication AVP (AVP code 104) is of type OctetString. This AVP contains the Service Indication that identifies a service in an AS.

### 6.3.6 Subs-Req-Type AVP

The Subs-Req-Type AVP (AVP code 105) is of type Enumerated, and indicates the type of the subscription-to-notifications request. The following values are defined:

Subscribe (0)

This value is used by an AS to subscribe to notifications of changes in data.

Unsubscribe (1)

This value is used by an AS to unsubscribe to notifications of changes in data.

### 6.3.7 Requested-Domain AVP

The Requested-Domain AVP (AVP code 106) is of type Enumerated, and indicates the access domain for which certain data (e.g. user state) are requested. The following values are defined:

CS-Domain (0)

The requested data apply to the CS domain.

PS-Domain (1)

The requested data apply to the PS domain.

### 6.3.8 Current-Location AVP

The Current-Location AVP (AVP code 107) is of type Enumerated, and indicates whether an active location retrieval has to be initiated or not:

DoNotNeedInitiateActiveLocationRetrieval (0) The request indicates that the initiation of an active location retrieval is required.

InitiateActiveLocationRetrieval (1)

It is requested that an active location retrieval is initiated.

## 6.4 Use of namespaces

This clause contains the namespaces that have either been created in this specification, or the values assigned to existing namespaces managed by IANA.

This specification assigns the values 1-4 from the Command Code namespace managed by 3GPP for its Diameter vendor-specific application number 2. See section 6.1 for the assignment of the namespace in this specification.

### 6.4.1 AVP codes

This specification assigns the values 100-107 from the AVP Code namespace managed by 3GPP for its Diameter vendor-specific application number 2. See section 6.3 for the assignment of the namespace in this specification.

### 6.4.2 Vendor-Specific-Result-Code AVP values

This specification has assigned Vendor-Specific-Result-Code AVP values 4100 and 5100-5104. See section 6.2.

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## 7 Special Requirements

### 7.1 Version Control

The same mechanisms specified in 3GPP TS 29.229 [6] apply to this specification.

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## Annex A (informative): Change history

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